



**United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
Alabama Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 29, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0 to 0.01 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Comments**

Corn is in need of rain. Most dryland corn is waist high and twisting in the afternoons, which is not a good sign. Wheat harvest should begin next week. Prospects are good.

**Thomas Atkinson, Madison County**

Although the hot, dry weather is good for the hay harvest and wheat crop, we are in need of rain in most of the county. Some spotty rainfall was received in parts of the county this week. Corn is really starting to hurt. Cotton is starting to grow some with the warmer weather, but it also needs rain.

**Tim Malone, Marion County**

Jackson County is very dry with a rainfall deficit for May. Planting has been halted because of the lack of rain. Crops that have been planted are in dire need of rain. Hay production is normal for the year so far.

**Julia Crownover, Jackson County**

Lack of measurable rainfall has irrigation systems running and dryland cotton, soybeans, and corn in need of moisture. Some soybean planting has been delayed due to lack of soil moisture.

**Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County**

Wheat has looked good all season, but now that harvesting is taking place, producers are reporting that yields are not good. Peanut and cotton producers are busy trying to finish planting. Some cotton is being replanted where it was too dry.

**Karen McDonald, Monroe County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/29/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	2	NA	5	4
Cotton - Planted.....	78	71	74	82
Cotton - Squaring.....	0	NA	0	1
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	86	72	87	75
Peanuts - Planted.....	71	54	68	70
Soybeans - Planted.....	60	51	58	49
Soybeans - Emerged.....	42	28	44	35
Winter Wheat - Harvested	20	8	19	19

**Conditions for Week Ending 05/29/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	10	74	15
Corn.....	0	11	23	53	13
Cotton.....	0	0	60	37	3
Pasture and range.....	1	2	24	64	9
Peanuts.....	0	0	67	30	3
Soybeans.....	0	1	37	62	0
Winter Wheat.....	0	3	16	71	10

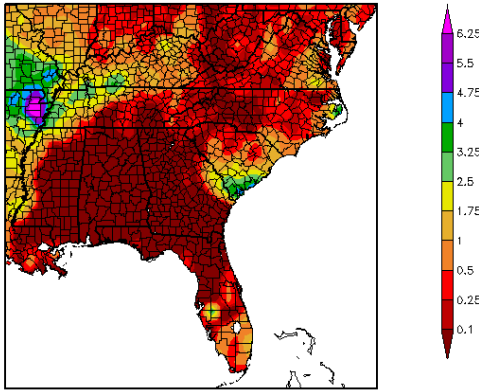
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/29/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	11	7	10
Short.....	32	23	23
Adequate.....	54	65	56
Surplus.....	3	5	11

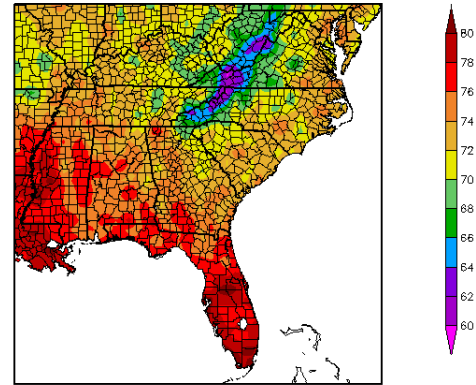
  

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	4	NA
Short.....	26	16	NA
Adequate.....	67	76	NA
Surplus.....	2	4	NA

Precipitation (in)  
5/24/2016 - 5/30/2016



Temperature (F)  
5/24/2016 - 5/30/2016



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

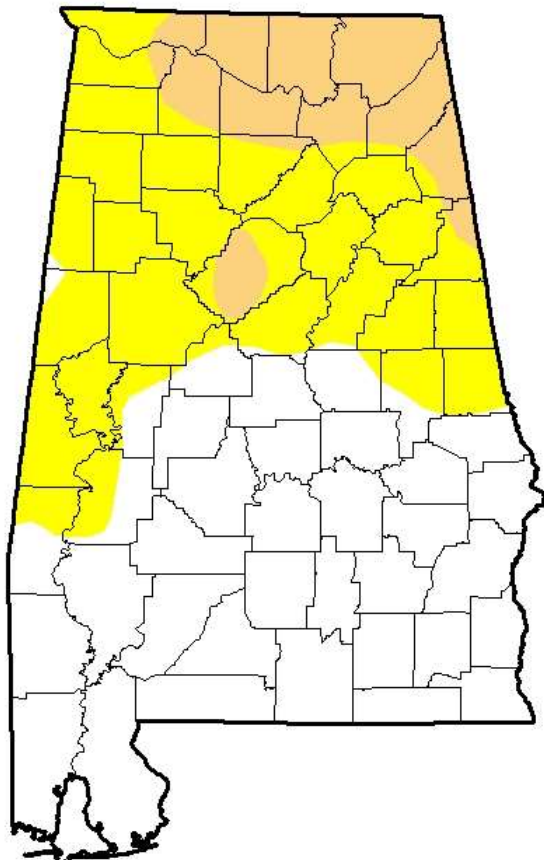
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	51.71	48.29	12.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 5/17/2016	57.74	42.26	7.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/23/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/28/2015	76.69	23.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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